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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER

1. AT AM MARCH 16 MEETING SPECIAL COMMITTEE MET
IN PLENARY SESSION TO HEAR CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON
PAST WEEKS WORK IN WORKING GROUP ON TOPIC OF
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES. FOLLOWING
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COMMENTS BY SOME DELEGATIONS
ON HIS REPORT, THE COMMITTEE TURNED INTO WORKING
GROUP TO HEAR STATEMENTS BY ROMANIA AND ITALY ON
RATIONALIZATION OF PROCEDURES.

2. ROMANIA MADE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS FOR RATIONALI-
ZATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES: A) EFFORTS SHOULD
BE MADE AT COMITE LEVEL TO ARRIVE AT CONSENSUS
BEFORE MATTER REFERRED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY;
B) EXPANDING PRACTICE OF HOLDING UN MEETINGS IN
DIFFERENT MEMBER STATES AND GREATER DISTRIBUTION
OF UN SECRETARIAT UNITS AMONG MEMBER STATES;
C) APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC
DISTRIBUTION OF HEADQUARTERS IN ALL UN
ORGANS; D) IMPROVED WORKING METHODS OF
SECRETARIAT, ENSURING PROPER REPRESENTATION IN
SECRETARIAT OF ALL STATES; E) REDUCTION OF STAFF
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AND EXPENDITURE OF THE ORGANIZATION BY IMPROVING
WORK OF SECRETARIAT, KEEPING APPARATUS TO RATIONAL
DIMENSIONS AND AVOIDING UNJUSTIFIED EXPANSION OF
ITS STRUCTURES.

3. ITALY SUGGESTED GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECIDE ON
GUIDELINES FOR WORK ON MAIN COMMITTEES, SUGGESTED

A) COMITES CONSIDER GROUPING OF SIMILAR ITEMS TOGETHER FOR GENERAL DEBATES; B) THAT COMITE CHAIRMAN CLOSE SPEAKERS' LIST AT EARLY STAGE TO REDUCE NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH FEW SPEAKERS; C) COMITE CHAIRMAN SET TIME-LIMIT FOR STATEMENTS AND; D) THAT COMITE CHAIRMAN BE URGED TO STRICTLY APPLY RULE 110 ON CONGRATULATORY STATEMENTS. WITH RESPECT TO MEXICAN WORKING PAPER, ITALY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS TO POINTS ON ELIMINATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL DEBATE AND AUTOMATIC REMOVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS THAT HAD NOT BEEN CONSIDERED FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS.

4. IN PM MARCH 16, INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP SLOWLY CONTINUED WITH PREPARATION OF LIST CALLED FOR IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/45.

5. AT END OF INFORMAL GROUP MEETING, THE US, UK, FRENCH AND USSR DELEGATIONS MET AT FRENCH MISSION UN OFFICE, AT US REQUEST US NOTED LACK OF PROGRESS DURING INFORMAL GROUP MEETING; URGED NECESSITY OF FOUR ASSISTING IN STRUCTURING WORK SO AS TO PRODUCE LIST AND LISTING PROCEDURE THAT WILL SET BASIS FOR FUTURE WORK OF COMITE. FOUR AGREED IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA IF SUCH A PAPER WERE PREPARED, STRUCTURING THE PROPOSALS INTO CONCEPTS, WITH BRIEF

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COMMENTARY UNDER EACH TOPIC WHICH WOULD WORK IN THE ELEMENTS OF "SPECIAL INTEREST" AND "GENERAL AGREEMENT." UK AND FRANCE WERE PARTICULARLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT UTILITY OF US PROPOSAL, THE USSR WENT ALONG SOMEWHAT GRUDGINGLY AND ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS. THE US DEL WILL DRAFT SUCH A PAPER; IT IS NOT TO HAVE ANY OFFICIAL STATUS BUT IS TO BE USED TO SHOW WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT COMITE'S WORK AND WILLING TO ASSIST COMMITTEE IN FULFILLMENT OF MANDATE BY DEMONSTRATING THAT IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO INCLUDE THE ELEMENTS OF "SPECIAL INTEREST" AND "GENERAL AGREEMENT" IN A SINGLE LISTING OPERATION. YOUNG

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